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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- Senators Arlen Specter (D-PA) and Bob Casey (D-PA) and Congressmen Jason Altmire (PA-04) and Mike Doyle (PA-14) tonight announced that they are continuing their efforts to help Jamie McMutrie Heckman and Alison McMutrie, two Ben Avon women who are currently working at an orphanage in Haiti.

**“We will continue to do everything in our power to bring Jamie, Ali, and the children at the orphanage to the United States,” Altmire said. “I have already talked to the White House, and we are looking at every avenue through which we can bring them to safety. In the meantime, we are all focused on getting help to the orphanage as quickly as possible.”**

**“My office has spoken to the families of the women and the Department of State’s Office of Children’s Issues about the orphanages,” Senator Casey said. “We have been informed by the Department of State that they are putting together a task force to see what can be done for the children who have pending adoptions with American parents. I will continue to work with the women and their families and to do everything in my power to help respond to this horrific tragedy.”**